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Prior Application:

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Sir:

This is a

- ☒ Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);  
☐ Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114  
(prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));  
☐ Divisional Continuation Application (parent not abandoned) under 37  
CFR §1.53(b);  
☐ Divisional Application (parent being abandoned) under 37 CFR  
§1.53(d);

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/397,034, filed September 16, 1999

for [Title as filed]: DECORATIVE SHEET, SHEET-DECORATED MOLDING AND SHEET-  
DECORATING MOLDING METHOD

[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: Hiroyuki ATAKE

1. ☐ A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises  
a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification,  
claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the  
declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application  
introduced new matter therein.
2. ☐ Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this  
application.

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3. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS REMAINING IN AN APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY  
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UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 NOTED BELOW

					Basic Fee
Total claims	10	-20 =	0	x \$18.00 (* 9.00) =	-
Independent claims	3	- 3 =	0	x \$84.00 (*42.00) =	-
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4. [X] A check in the amount of \$740.00 is enclosed (Ck# 15244).  
THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES  
WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT  
NO. 160331.
5. [ ] Cancel in this application claims of the prior application before  
calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is  
retained for filing purposes.
6. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the  
sentence:  
--This is a [X] Continuation [ ] Division of application Serial No.  
09/397,034 filed September 16, 1999 which in turn is a division of  
Serial No. 08/957,068 filed October 24, 1997, now U.S. Patent  
6,001,292 issued December 14, 1999.--
7. [X] Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR  
§1.116 with any attachments filed on February 13, 2002 in said  
prior application which was not entered therein.
8. [X] Priority of foreign application(s) No. 288014/1996, filed October  
30, 1996 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- [X] The certified copy was filed in prior application No. 08/957,068  
on December 10, 1997.
- [ ] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is  
filed herewith.
9. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to DAI NIPPON PRINTING  
CO., LTD. Recorded at Reel 8878, Frame 0660.

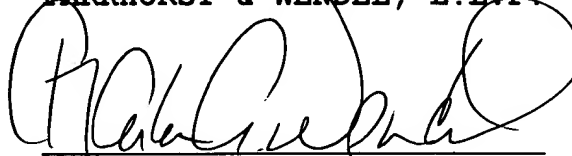
10. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:
- [X] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
  - [ ] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
  - [X] c. Address all future communications to

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11. [X] An Application Data Sheet is enclosed.
12. [ ] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.
13. [ ] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
- 14 [X] This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.

Respectfully submitted,

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